(e) what will be the cost for such repairs or renovation on each occasion;

(f) from what allotment was this amount drawn;

(g) what is the total of that allotment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 3,800 ft.

(b) Total cost incurred was Rs. 18,700.

(c) There is no proposal to continue the tarring further.

(d) This will depend upon wear and tear. In the Trichur 'Round' the life of the surface is expected to be four years.

(e) About Rs. 250.

(f) From the allotment under 'Sanitation and Conservancy'.

(g) Rs. 48,500 in 1106, and Rs. 31,500 in 1107.

Vernacular Primary Schools—recognition.

543. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish:—

(a) a list of the private Vernacular Primary schools to which recognition was given in Edavam 1105;

(b) a list of those of the above schools to which grant-in-aid has been given so far?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) and (b) A list of aided schools recognised in 1105 and aided so far is appended. (*Appendix XVIII*).

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state on what criterion was the selection made of a few schools out of the 23 that were recognised for the giving of grant-in-aid ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—With regard to these particular institutions I want notice. But I shall give the general criteria. The first question is whether that locality was already provided with a sufficiency of schools. Secondly, whether the management who had undertaken to run the school was of such a nature that without minimum grant very little could be achieved; thirdly the question of time, priority of starting, because all the schools started in one year cannot be aided from that year, because the funds ear-marked were insufficient. Some kind of priority had to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know whether this question of necessity is considered more when recognition is given than when grant is given ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is done in both cases, because when the question of recognition is considered one of the rules in the Code is that we must satisfy ourselves that the school is necessary. When it comes to the question of expenditure, Government has to sift this necessity again and see which are

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more urgent. There is therefore the question of urgency also.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—If the question of necessity is considered only at the time when grant is to be given and if the grant is not going to be given on account of want of necessity, will not this starting of a school entail unnecessary expenditure on the body that starts it ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No guarantee of aid is given when a school is recognised.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—When recognition is given it is presumed that grant will not be refused for want of necessity.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—When recognition is given no guarantee of aid is given and as the Code itself says, grant cannot be claimed as a matter of right. It is only a grace. We give aid to the schools in accordance with the urgency and I am sure that the Hon'ble Member cannot complain that any of them has been left out till now.

Road Board.

544. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Road Board was constituted;

(b) what work has the Board turned out by this time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Road Board was constituted as per orders contained in D. P., C. No. 641/06, dated 12th February 1931, P. W. Department.

(b) Two meetings were held.

1st on 27th July 1931/11th Karkadagam 1106.

2nd on 14th Thulam 1107/31st October 1931.

Copies of the minutes of the meetings are appended (*Appendix XIX*).

Durga Vilasam Primary School.

545. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date in Mithunam 1106 when the Durgavilasam Primary School was blown away by the wind;

(2) the strength of the school when the school building collapsed;

(3) when did the Primary school subsequently commence work in the Durgavilasam High School, during the morning hours; if as a matter of fact the Primary school recommenced work in the High school;

(4) is the school working now and if not, when did it cease to work;

(5) till what month of 1106 or 1107 has the school drawn its grant;

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APPENDIX XVIII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 543)

List of Schools to which recognition was given.

1. Elamana N S, Trippunittura
2. L P S, Manappilli
3. N S, Panangad
4. N S, Pallipuram
5. N S, Elankunnapuzha
6. N S, Kanjur
7. S D P Y N S, Pallivirutti
8. N S, Chakyamuri
9. N S, Cochin
10. N S Ernakulam
11. Christu Raja N S, Pallivirutti
12. S S, Chottanikara
13. A S, Kallapadam
14. A S, Kuttancheri
15. St. Teresa's Primary School, Kanimangalam
16. A S, Trikaraya
17. L P School for Odas
18. N S, Cheruviruthi
19. L P School, Nayarangadi
20. N S, Pullur
21. St. Antony's N S, Mullurkara
22. Sanskrit School, Kanimangalam
23. U M G S, Karingochira

List of Schools to which aid has been given.

1. U M G S, Karingochira
2. N S, Ernakulam

APPENDIX XIX.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 544.)

Road Board Meeting No. 1 of 1106.

Minutes of a meeting of the Cochin Road Board held at the Chief Engineer's Office, Trichur, on Monday, July 27, 1931 at 1-30 p. m.

Present:—

M. R. Ry. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon Avl., Chairman.

Members.

,,	P. W. Davis Esq.	Planter.
,,	P. V. Raphael	Registar of Village Panchayats
,,	K. P. Varkki	Member, Thiruvankulam Panchayat
,,	P. Paran Madhavan	do Kodakara
,,	P. Narayanan Nambudiri	do Kodanur
,,	C. M. Thechan	do Kattakampal
,,	C. Krishnan Nayar	do Pattancheri
,,	P. Kunjipokerkutti	do Methala

Read Proceedings dated February 12, 1931, C. 641/06, creating the Road Board and Proceedings dated July 2, 1931, C. 641/06, nominating members to the Board.

Recorded.

The question of including improvements to canals within the scope of the work of the Board was discussed. The Board is of opinion that canals, forming, as they do, an important link in the communication system of the State, should be included in the regular programme of work of the Board. The Chairman is requested to communicate its views to Government for sanction.

It was resolved to request the Chairman of the Rural Reconstruction Committee to forward for information of the Board a complete list of all Road requirements gathered by that Committee in their investigations.

The Chairman was requested to supply all the members with an up-to-date Road Map of the State.

It was resolved that regular meetings of the Road Board should be conducted in the months of Thulam, Makaram, Medam and Karkadagam and

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